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“By implementing the Paris Agreement, we will be building the future we want – a future of shared opportunity that leaves no-one behind on a planet that is protected and nurtured for the benefit of all.” UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

To keep the spotlight focused on climate change in Pakistan and at global level, we are organizing a special session for journalists on the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, the signing/ratification process and the way forward. The session is organized in collaboration with the French Embassy in Pakistan.

When: **Tuesday, 19 April 2016, 17:00 – 19:00 hrs** (Refreshments to follow)

Where: UNIC, ILO Building, G-5/2, Islamabad

What:

- Introductory briefing: climate change in Pakistan and COP 21
- Briefing on the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, the signing/ratification process and the way forward (*live from UN Headquarters*)

Who:

- Olivier Huynh Van, Development Attachè, Embassy of France
- Aisha Khan, CEO, Mountain and Glacier Protection Organization (MGPO)
- Vittorio Cammarota, Director, UN Information Centre
- Selwin Hart, Director of the UN Secretary-General's Climate Support Team (*live from UN Headquarters, New York*)
- Dan Shepard, Information Officer, Communications Campaign Service, Department of Public Information (*live from UN Headquarters, New York*)

Registration: send your name and designation to info.islamabad@unic.org by **Monday 18 April, 2016**. Please note that for security reasons only registered participants will have access to the event.

Background

To mark the first day that the Paris Agreement on Climate Change will be open for signing, the Secretary-General has invited world leaders and high-level officials to attend a special signing ceremony at UN Headquarters in NY on April 22 (International Mother Earth Day).

The historic Paris Agreement, reached after years of negotiations, provides a pathway for countries to reduce emissions so that global temperature rise will be limited to well below 2



degrees Celsius. The event will include an opening, the signing ceremony, statements from national leaders, and a look at how climate action can be accelerated. We anticipate a record number of signatures for an opening day.

